

The Plantlife of Ratho

Alchemilla, Aphanes • 2021-03-20

Alchemilla (Lady's-Mantles)

Soft Lady's-Mantle - Carpetting large areas of the cement works, occupying spots in quarries and wasteland, other sporadic places and also quite a few on pavement edges.



Alchemilla mollis

Distinctive at a distance for its dense flowers and velvety-looking leaves: it is very hairy all over. Its flower is composed of two different sized petals (4 larger and 4 significantly smaller) in contrast to the others following.

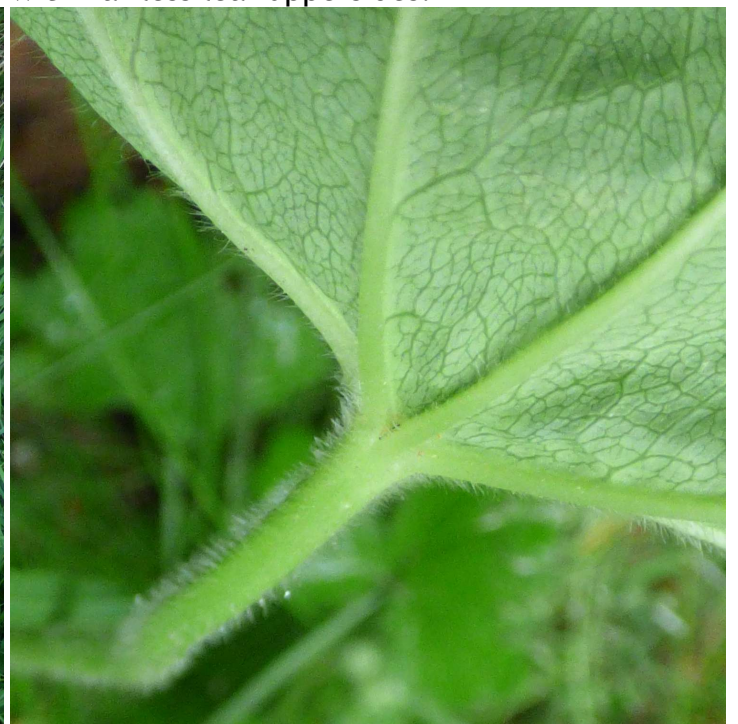


Pale Lady's Mantle - Common along the canalside and other vegetated path and track sides.



Alchemilla xanthochlora

Distinctive for its projecting hairs that cover its stems and stalks, are variably under its leaves, with hairless leaf uppersides.



Hairless/Smooth Lady's-Mantle - Along the canalside and other vegetated path and track sides.

Distinctive for its hairlessness - the stems and stalks either hairless or with some appressed hairs (not projecting) particularly low down, and the leaf hairless except maybe the veins.



Alchemilla glabra



Hairy Lady's-Mantle - A certain amount, on the canalside and near the Climbing Centre.

Distinctive for plant being basically hairless but the base of its flowers hairy as seen here.



Alchemilla filicaulis ssp. vestita

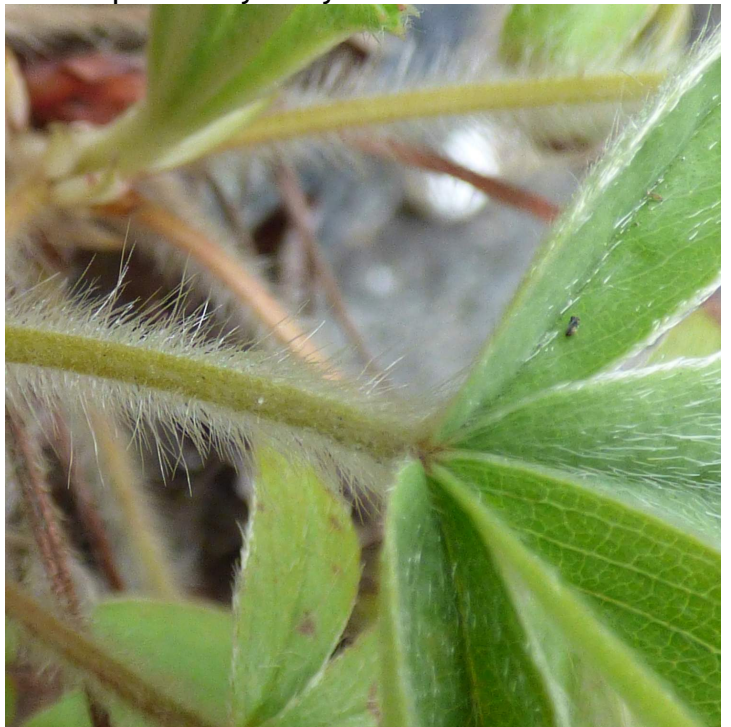


Unknown Lady's-Mantle - This is an escapee on Baird Road that is so far unidentified.



Alchemilla sp

Its leaves are deeply divided into a few lobes, and its parts very hairy! It has never flowered.



Silver Lady's Mantle - A garden escapee that can be found sometimes colonising walls, the nearest seen being a stretch of wall near Balerno.

Its leaves are deeply divided, with silvery-looking edges.



Alchemilla conjuncta



Aphanes (Parsley-Pieris)

Slender Parsley-Piert - Common in thin soils such as the Old Cement Works and quarries. This picture shows its flowers. It is rather like a small, creeping Lady's-Mantle.



Aphanes australis

